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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 1, 2005, please accept this Response to the restriction requirement entered pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 for the above-identified application.

REMARKS

In the February 1, 2005 Office Action the Examiner entered a restriction requirement for the following groups of inventions

I: Claims 1-13, and 36-49, drawn to an apparatus for planarizing a workpiece, classified in class 451, subclass 65.

II: Claims 14-35, drawn to a method of planarizing a workpiece, classified in class 451, subclass 41.

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-13, and 36-49, without traverse, for further examination.

Applicants have timely filed this response which is due March 1, 2005. If any extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-2814. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the foregoing in greater detail, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

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